



**IMMERSIVE SUSTAINABILITY TRIPS
for
GROUPS & TEAMS**

Chios island
Chio / Χίος / Khíos
- sea, land, wind, sun, humans -

Chios is not a touristic place, maybe too proud and free minded to become a Greek island like any other. Chios was the only Greek island which remained neutral during the war against the Persian Empire in 479 BC, which spent 250 years under strict Genovese rule, which faced pirates raids along the Middle-Age and which became free from the Ottomans 80 years after the Greek revolution and the famous 'Chios massacre'. Such specific, diverse -and tough- history created a unique place, poles apart from the softness and human tides of Santorini and Mykonos.

Chios is deeply linked with the natural elements: the sea (the biggest Greek shipowners come from here since thousands of years), the soil (its traditionally non-intensive agriculture has contributed to the preservation of endemic species), as well as the sun and the wind (its famous windmills are now transformed into wind and sun-farms). Chios' specific climate and landscapes also gave birth to unique local products, such as mastic resin and citrus, which make the place thrive since more than 3000 years.

Chios is a great place to feel the elements, meet proud communities and walk around unique landscapes in order to re-connect with the -sometimes too conceptual and global- sustainability challenges of today.

Private trips for individuals and corporate teams

6 nights in the stone village of **Avgonina**
for groups from **5 up to 8 participants**

included: accomodation, breakfasts, private van (incl. driver), guide 24/24h, 4 workshops, outside activities, language translator (*when needed*), flights booking.

not included: flights, meals, travel insurance.

1200 € / PAX (VAT incl.)

Program

culture

Athens' Acropolis and museum, Ymittos mountain, Plaka (*depending on flight arrival time*)
Approach the **martyred city of Anavatos**
Attend an **Orthodox mass** at the monastery of Nea Moni (UNESCO site) and make the coastal **pilgrimage of Aghia Markella** (« Saint Markella »)
Listen **Homer's tales** as in the VIII century BC at the **Daskalopetra** (« rock of the teacher »)
explore the **Ottoman past** of the island with the old mosque and Turkish baths

workshop: « Culture & Sustainable Development »

local communities

Taste **local products**: loukoumades (sweets), liquor of mastic (UNESCO), *marathopita* (fennel cakes), soumada (traditional almond juice), souma (homemade figs liquor) Chios citrus, Chian wines (the most reputed, and exported, during Classical Greece!) etc.
Discover the story and lifestyles of the old **aristocrat families** of **Kambos**

workshop: « Thriving Local Product Since Millenials: discuss good-practices with mastic producers in their fields »

workshop: « Back to the Future: socio-economic challenges around the citrus production »

fun and well-being

Taste **fresh local food** in authentic coastal and mountain villages
Dive in the Aegean sea at the black beach of « Mavra Volia »
Meet the chanting and welcoming **yiayides** -grandmothers- in the medieval villages of **Vessa, Mesta, Pyrgi and Olympi**

biodiversity

Climb **Mount Pilineo** (1297 meters) and approach local shepherds and their **endemic « Chios sheep »** (and try to spot local wildlife: foxes, jackals, ferrets, hedgehogs, bats, lizards, snakes, frogs, turtles, eagles, hawks, grouses etc.)

workshop: « Local Culture(s) & Climate Change »

2023 Trips (flexible dates - please contact us at frantz.dhers@letsbeoriginals.com)

May, June, September, October